



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 87

February Session, 2006

* _____ SB00087CE_APP031406 _____ *

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUNDING AND DUTIES OF THE
CONNECTICUT RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 32-710 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

3 (a) There is established the Connecticut Rural Development Council
4 in accordance with the Federal Farm Security and Rural Investment
5 Act of 2002, as amended from time to time.

6 (b) The Connecticut Rural Development Council shall be composed
7 of the requisite board and membership required under the Federal
8 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002, as amended from
9 time to time.

10 (c) The Connecticut Rural Development Council shall: [monitor,]

11 (1) Monitor, report and comment on policies and programs that
12 address or fail to address the following goals with respect to rural
13 areas: [(1)] (A) Coordination of state, federal, tribal and private sector
14 relationships to increase efficiency, eliminate duplication, identify gaps
15 and promote the interests of rural areas, and [(2)] (B) promotion of the
16 fiscal autonomy of rural municipalities;

17 (2) Facilitate beneficial partnerships for the state's rural residents by

18 coordinating agricultural interests with public health and educational
 19 opportunities that lead to collaborative efforts and programs to
 20 positively impact rural communities;

21 (3) Research government policies for rural areas;

22 (4) Assist community groups with state and federal grant
 23 applications;

24 (5) Provide technical assistance to rural communities concerning
 25 asset-based community development and collaboration; and

26 (6) Review potential funding opportunities for rural initiatives from
 27 government, private sector and nonprofit sources.

28 (d) The Connecticut Rural Development Council may use such
 29 funds as may be available from government, private sector and
 30 nonprofit sources.

31 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of one hundred thousand
 32 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Economic and
 33 Community Development, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year
 34 ending June 30, 2007, for the Connecticut Rural Development Council
 35 established in section 32-710 of the general statutes, as amended by
 36 this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	32-710
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

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